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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

WARNOCK ET AL.

Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 March 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 15, 17-21, 55-75 and 78-85 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 15, 17-21, 55-75 and 78-85 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-883)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____
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DETAILED ACTION

Acknowledgements

Applicant's Amendment/Remarks filed on *06 March 2009* is acknowledged.

All references to the capitalized versions of "Applicants" refer specifically to the Applicants of record. Any references to lower case versions of "applicant" or "applicants" refer to any or all patent "applicants". Unless expressly noted otherwise, references to "Examiner" refers to the Examiner of record while reference to or use of the lower case version of "examiner" or "examiners" refers to examiner(s) generally.

This paper is given Paper No. 20090525 by the Examiner. This Paper No. is for reference purposes only.

Status of Claims

Claims *1-3, 15, 17-21, 55-75 and 78-85* have been examined and pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-3, 15, 17-21, 55-75 and 78-85 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. **5,933,498 (Schneck et al.**; hereafter “Schneck”) and further in view of US Patent No. **5,465,299 (Matsumoto et al.**; hereinafter “Matsumoto”).

As per **claim 1**, Schneck discloses a computer-implemented method for user access to document content using a logic client device comprising:

- delivering to a user of said client logic device, via a document server, a first user viewable version of the actual contents of a specific document residing at a said document server on a first cost basis, said first user viewable version being protected by a security server to prevent the user from performing a standard operation on said version, said standard operation consisting of any of copying, printing or saving (*i.e., For example, initially, if a user is accessing a textual document, the user may choose to access only selected portions of that document, the choice being made by viewing an index of the document – Schneck ‘498, col. 15 ll. 8 – 18; col. 17 ll. 35 – 53*);
- calculating with said document server a charge to permit the user to perform a requested standard operation on a user-selected portion of said specific document on a second cost basis (*Schneck ‘498, col. 25 ll. 6 – col. 29 ll. 25*).

Schneck does not expressly disclose:

- delivering to said user, via said document server, a second version of the actual contents of said specific document residing at said document server comprising said user-selected portion of said specific document, wherein a

user requested standard operation is completed, in coordination with said document server, upon payment of the calculated charge.

Matsumoto, however, teaches:

- delivering to said user, via said document server, a second version of the actual contents of said specific document residing at said document server comprising said user-selected portion of said specific document, wherein a user requested standard operation is completed, in coordination with said document server, upon payment of the calculated charge (*Matsumoto, at least Abstract, col. 2 ll. 58 – col. 4 ll. 48*) to deliver a second version of electronic document to the user.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to an ordinary skill in the art to motivate to add the aspect of "*delivering to said user, via said document server, a second version of the actual contents of said specific document residing at said document server comprising said user-selected portion of said specific document, wherein a user requested standard operation is completed, in coordination with said document server, upon payment of the calculated charge*" taught in the Matsumoto reference to a method disclosed in the Schneck reference because doing so would deliver a second version of electronic document to the user.

Since the claimed invention is merely a combination of old elements, and in the combination, each element merely would have performed the same function as it did separately, and one of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized that the results of the combination were predictable.

As per **claim 67**, Schneck discloses a computer-implemented method for purchasing information from a server, comprising:

- delivering user-requested pages of a specific document from a document server in a first user-viewable version comprising a form protected by a security server to a user of a client logic device to permit said user viewing the actual contents of said pages of said specific document and selecting by said user but not printing, copying or saving by the user (*please see claim 1*);
- calculating a charge with said document server to permit a requested standard operation to be performed on a user-selected portion of said specific document (*please see claim 1*); and
- delivering to said user via said document server a second version of the actual contents of said specific document, said second version consisting of the user-selected portion of said specific document, said delivering step being performed in coordination with said security server upon authorization of payment of the calculated charge, said second version comprising a version on which the standard operation is performed (*please see claim 1*).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 and 67 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection as discussed above.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

US 6,012,083 (Savitzky).

US 7,133,845 B1 (Ginter et al.)

US 7,069,451 B1 (Ginter et al.)

US 6,134,552 (Fritz)

Examiner has cited particular columns and line numbers and/or paragraph and/or page numbers in the prior arts of record as applied to the claims above in the body of this action for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings in the art and are applied to the specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant, in preparing the response, to fully consider the references in its **entirety** as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior arts or disclosed by the examiner.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NANCY LOAN T. LE whose telephone number is **(571) 272-7066**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 9am - 6:00pm Eastern Standard Time.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, ANDREW J. FISCHER can be reached on **(571) 272-6779**.

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